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1. The chiefs of the Volkspolizei main administrations and the chiefs of the main departments returned to Berlin from Moscow on 3 July 1952. They observed secrecy about the purpose of their trip. No directives have been issued. Some of the officers went on leave. (1)
2. On 1 July, the former main border police department was reorganized into a separate independent main department which was given a new code designation every two weeks. The code designation was "Dynamo" at the end of July. (2)
3. The Volkspolizei transportation offices were deactivated on 1 July. Thirty-eight new Volkspolizei transportation offices were attached to each railroad subdistrict office. VP Raete served as chiefs of the offices. Eight inspectorates headed by Kommandeurs and located at the seats of the respective railroad regional headquarters were established as superior offices supervising the individual offices. Kommandeur Bartoek (fnu) served as chief of the inspectorate with the Berlin regional railroad headquarters (RBD). These inspectorates were to supervise and control the transportation offices of the Volkspolizei. All offices were still under the control of the main transportation department. (3)
4. The operational staff of the Main Administration of the Volkspolizei was organized as follows: Karl Maron as chief; Generalinspektor Willi Seyfert as deputy chief; VP Kommandeur Schmidt (fnu) as chief of the operational staff and liaison officer with the Ministry of State Security; VP Rat Kittler (fnu) as first deputy to Schmidt; VP Rat Weidhaase (fnu) as second deputy to Schmidt; VP Rat Kunze (fnu) as acting officer of the first shift, formerly of the "K" (Kriminalpolizei) (criminal police) main department; VP Rat Fritsch (fnu) as acting officer of the second shift, formerly of the main department border; AP Rat Fett (fnu), as acting officer of the third shift, formerly of the main department transportation and liaison officer with the Ministry of State Security; VP Kommissar Mrs. Liewald (fnu) in charge of statistics and as liaison officer with the Ministry of State Security; and VP Kommissar Fern (fnu) formerly of the guard battalion as deputy to Liewald. Several technicians of lower ranks and clerical workers were also employed at the office. Each shift lasts for twenty-four hours. The duty officer was responsible for all activities of the Main Administration of the Volkspolizei when the office chiefs including Maron were absent. (4)
5. In July 1952, when Volkspolizei from Kasernes passed in review, a unit of trained nurses was seen for the first time. They allegedly received training in Berlin-Diesdorf. (5) The medical corps had an alleged strength of between 1,000 and 1,300 persons. The air police under the command of Heinz Kessler were also seen for the

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first time. They were greeted with cheers by Wilhelm Pieck. They still wore the uniform of the NVA. (6)

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25X1 [redacted] Comments.

(1) [redacted] reported the departure of these individuals for Moscow on 11 June

25X1 1952. [redacted]

25X1 (2) A report [redacted] on 25 May 1952 indicated that the main border police department was subordinated to the Ministry for State Security [redacted] 25X1

25X1 [redacted] The present information fails to indicate whether the present main administration of the border police is subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior or the Ministry of State Security.

(3) Transportation offices had been in existence with all regional railroad headquarters except those in Erfurt and Cottbus. All 30 railroad subdistrict offices had transportation police precincts. These precincts were apparently renamed into offices and the previous offices into inspectorates, with the Erfurt and Cottbus regional railroad headquarters also receiving inspectorates. No definite information has been received on the transportation offices. While there were indications concerning the establishment of a railroad police to take the place of the transportation police units and concerning the transfer to the NVA of transportation office personnel, no strength reports have been available.

(4) The operational staff apparently is the personal staff of Generalinspektor Maron. Generalinspektor Seyfert is confirmed as Maron's deputy. One VP Kommandeur Schmidt, who possibly is the Schmidt mentioned in the present report, served as chief of the operational staff in charge of the Ring um Berlin operation in the fall of 1950.

(5) The training of nurses in Berlin-Biesdorf for the NVA has been confirmed.

(6) Generalinspektor Heinz Kessler is known as chief of the main administration of the air police (NVL). [redacted]

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